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A VERY DISAPPOINTING ANNOUNCEMENT

The announcement that we are to have another
advance in freight and passenger rates to Alaska—
20 per cent. this time—is very disappointing to say
the least. It is particularly disagreeable, coming
as it does at a time when the whole country is en-
gaged in a campaign to reduce the cost of living.
We see the American Federation of Labor calling
off strikes, directing men to return to work at former
wages, putting the ban on further strikes and urging
workmen to do all within their power to increase
the product of the country.

With labor leaders throughout the country ex-
hibiting a patriotic disposition to co-operate in a
tremendous effort to restore stable conditions, it
does not look well for capital to be increasing rates
and profits at this time. That is not co-operating
with the people.

Conditions in Alaska do not justify this sort
of treatment. This Territory was hard hit by the
war, and her largest industry, the fishing, has had
the worst season it has experienced in many years.
Business and industry in Alaska has been charged
more than the traffic could bear without danger
of breaking down. The great struggle in Alaska for
two years has not been to make money. It has been
to save our business institutions and industries and
to keep the wheels turning until normal conditions
may be restored. This additional burden will make
that task more difficult.

REPUBLICAN AUTHORITY AND THE SENATE

The New York Globe and Commercial Advertiser,
the oldest daily newspaper in the United States and
the growth of which in circulation, advertised patronage
and prestige has been the sensation of New
York journalism during the last five years, is very
wrothy at those Senators who are fighting the peace
treaty at Washington, and alleges that they are not
trying to serve the country but are simply trying
to belittle President Wilson. The Globe is the oldest
anti-Democratic newspaper in the country. Among
its founders in 1793 was Alexander Hamilton, and
it has been Federalist, Whig and Republican in the
course of its long career. Until recently, it accepted
its politics straight from the platform makers of
these parties. Therefore, there can be no purpose
to serve party ends in the following editorial from
the Globe, which, like former President Taft, be-
lieves the Senate is doing its worst to destroy the
Republican party.

The Globe says:
"There are four matters of high im-
portance before the people of the United
States today. The first is the ratification
of the peace treaty including the League of
Nations Covenant. The second, growing out
of the battle over the first, is our relations
with Japan, which, while not seriously dis-
turbed, are under some tension because of
the Shantung settlement. The third is the
high cost of living, and the fourth, closely
connected with the third, is the demand of
labor for the nationalization of the rail-
roads."

"In all of these questions official Wash-
ington must take whatever action is taken
on behalf of the people; and it should do
so only after a careful, honest, and intelli-
gent consideration of the facts. It is
thoroughly disheartening, to say the least,
to find the atmosphere along the Potomac
so thoroughly charged with vicious, need-
less, and inexcusable partisanship that ob-
servers are forced almost to despair of genu-
ine study of any of these great problems."

"On Wednesday the Senate Foreign Re-
lations Committee examined Secretary Lansing
ostensibly as to the terms of the peace
treaty. That examination was in reality, as
every one was speedily aware, an attempt
to belittle President Wilson. The Senators
who grilled Mr. Lansing did not want to
get facts; they wanted to draw damaging
admissions. It was an atmosphere not of
statesmanship seriously engaged upon the
great issues facing the United States but of
the prize ring. And it is not an isolated
example. The Globe has already discussed
the partisanship which has caused the
shedding of crocodile tears over Shantung
by men who do not care a snap of their
fingers what becomes of China, but who do
care with all their hearts for the chance to
attack the Democratic party and its head."

Now Falkenhayn assumes blame for the war and
offers to stand trial for the Kaiser. Don't crowd
boys! Every potential martyr of that kind is going
to have the chance—not of being tried in place of,
but in place with, the Kaiser.

Maxim Gorky has issued an appeal to the soul
of Russia, but what would be of more moment now
is an appeal, backed by wholesome food, to the
stomach of Russia.

Despite the time-wasting wrangle about daylight
saving, the persistent old sun rises and sets on the
same venerable schedule, and probably will continue
to do so.

No longer can a revolution in one of those little
banana republics hope to create at a safe distance
even the semblance of a thrill.

German sailors in large numbers are reported
offering to volunteer in the United States Navy.

Passing of the Sourdough

(Ketchikan Chronicle)
It is regrettable, but the sourdough is passing.
The oldtimer of the vintage of '97, '98, '99 and 1900.
For the most part they were good men all, loyal
hard working, fearless, with the true pioneer spirit.
They gambled their fortunes, their health and their
lives for the development of the country and the
homestead.

Many of them fell by the wayside in the game,
passed on, unable to fight on longer, and were laid
at rest tenderly by their friends. Others battled
successfully the early hardships and have devoted
their lives to the upbuilding of Alaska.
In the early days of the rush, men came North
ranging in age from 16 to 60, but the majority of
them were between 25 and 40. That was 20 years
ago, so those that have lived on are now well ad-
vanced in age; this is, the great part of them.
Many of these oldtimers through hard work and
care have built up substantial business enterprises;
have made money, and now, within the next few
years, they will be retiring from active partici-
pation in the battle for business, or will, by the very
nature of the existence of mankind, be called forth
to render an account of their stewardship upon
earth.

It is the way of the world, that the old must
step aside; that the young must step up; and that
leads to the question as to what the young men of
Ketchikan and Alaska generally are doing to pre-
pare themselves for the responsibilities which will
soon be thrust upon them.
To the men of business who are studying it,
who are trying to learn every feature of it, will
fall the responsibility, the higher incomes, or pos-
sibly the business itself.

In one of the largest banks of America today
there is a young man in charge of the loan depart-
ment. Six years ago he was having difficulty find-
ing a sufficient quantity of money to keep him alive.
He was energetic, however, and was picked out for
an important position. While in that place he
studied several of the departments, and when the
time came for selecting a man who knew something
of loans, the young man was ready to fit in. He
was given a trial, made good, and is now one of
the highest priced bank officials in America.
Within the next five years there will be many
young men picked for positions of importance in
Alaska. It will be up to them now in lesser posi-
tions to prepare for them.

Wick Dies Hard

(Fairbanks Citizen.)
From the reports regarding hearings in the Al-
aska contested Delegate election case now being
held on the coast it seems that Wickersham is hesi-
tating at nothing to serve his personal and political
ends. This is apparent in the accounts of his pro-
ceedings at Valdez.

A Cordova dispatch declares that in the course
of his examination of a Mrs. Tye, the wife of a
Valdez soldier, some of his remarks were so insulting
that a brother of the witness called him to account
after the conclusion of the session. Mrs. Tye is the
daughter of Hal Selby, editor and owner of the
Valdez Miner, the only newspaper there, and Mr.
Selby has been a consistent opponent of Wick and
Wickism for years. She was a resident of Valdez
prior to her marriage to Sergt. Tye and there is
no question as to the legality of her vote.

It is but natural that Wickersham's methods
and questions should be resented and it must be
expected that such resentment should take active
form in cases like the one reported. In his despera-
tion Wickersham must not forget to observe the
rules of decency and good sense, or he will lose
what little following there is now left to him.
Alaskans will not tolerate any man who does not
show the proper consideration of their women-
fiks.

Put Out Camp Fires

(Whitehorse Star.)
August and September in the Yukon are prob-
ably the two months in the year when there is
most danger of forest fires, for the reason that
there are usually numerous hunters and berry pick-
ers wandering through the woods, many of whom
are a bit careless about putting out their camp fires
when they leave them. On account of the great
amount of rain that has fallen in Southern Yukon
during the summer that is now drawing to a close
the moss and leaves and other inflammable materi-
als that are so great a menace in dry seasons have
become water-soaked, and the risk therefore from
them is much lessened. Nevertheless, there is a risk
even now that the resinous pine needles that thickly
carpet the ground might become a means of spread-
ing a conflagration that would do inestimable dam-
age to standing timber, and hence everyone should
exercise great care when breaking camp to see that
no brands are left burning in the spot where they
have temporarily stopped.

The question of the right of Mr. Wickersham to
demand of witnesses at the hearing in Valdez that
they testify as to whom they voted for at the 1918
election is said to be based on his announced
belief that the law gives him the right to demand
such testimony. It is stated, however, that he has
failed thus far to cite his authorities. It may be
another case of "It's legitimate questioning if you
can put it over." (Cordova Times.)

BREEZY BUBBLES

(Philadelphia Bulletin)
A musical center—"middle C."
The athlete does some good frame work.

First time some of the actors ever had a strik-
ing role.

Where the little things count—in the infant
arithmetic class.

The climber is looking for rounds of applause on
the ladder of fame.

The only time some people sing a paean of joy
is when they sound their own praises.

There's no law to prevent corkscrew curls, even
on a girl who has an intoxicating smile.

If the King writes his reminiscences of course
they will be published on the royalty plan.

Feller Bunk Says:



ALTHOUGH my wife knows I'm no
angel, she keeps me flying about all
the time.

BITS OF BY-PLAY

By Luke McLuke

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Correct.
While some men knowledge never
spurn,
And some heed wisdom's call;
The fellow who has most to learn
Is he who knows it all.

Then It Happened!
"I wonder if you could" mused the
Rummy, as he picked up his change.
"You wonder if you could what?"
demanded the barkeep as he grabbed
a bottle of grape juice.
"Why, if a doctor was recovering
from illness, and was sitting up in
bed fixing the holes in his socks, I
wonder if you could say that he is
mending very slowly?" replied the
Rummy, as he headed for the door.

Clinch.
I know a way
To cure a cough;
Keep hacking and
You'll hack it off.

Sure Cures.
One sure thing about having rheu-
matism is that your friends all have
cures for it. Poor old Jones is
hobbling down the street when Smith
stops him.
"Rheumatism?" says Smith. "Just
make a tonic out of benzine, iodine,
sugar and lard and take a spoonful
every hour. It'll cure you in a week."
Then Brown comes along.
"Just tie a boiled onion on you
leg," says Brown. "It will fix you
up in no time."
Then Black comes along.
"I gotta sure cure for that," says
Black. "Take some canteloupe rind
and rub your leg with it. It neve
fails."

Then White comes along.
"Get some dried sunflower seed
and cook them in lard and eat them,"
says White. "It's the most wonderfu
cure in the world."

Then Binks comes along.
"I've cured a hundred men who
had rheumatism," says Binks. "Tie
a wire around your leg and pain
your feet with lamp black and you'll
be cured in two days."

Then poor Jones sneaks down an
alley to keep from hearing any more
sure cures.

Foosy!
The cold-storage egg may
Look fresh and quite young;
It sure fools your eye, but
It won't fool your tongue.

The Wise Fool.
"Always aim higher than the
mark," advised the sage.
"But who wants to kiss a girl or
the nose?" asked the fool.

Advice.
Forgive your enemy, and live
In peace with him. Don't kick him
For it is wisdom to forgive
A man when you can't lick him.

Atta Boy!
(Wilmington Journal Republican)
Of course he's making lots of mon-
ey on his farm north of Wilmington,
Luke, but if you have to have a ser-
geant at arms in the club we might
influence Carey Spears to take the
job.

Don't Shut.
A fellow who lived out in Butte,
On a clarinet tried hard to tutte.
He killed all his kin
With his horrible din.
Then swapped the darn thing for a
flutte.

Luke McLuke.
A persistent young fellow of Ayr.
With his bagpipes drove all to dis-
pay;
But they took him by jings.
And they punctured the things
For 'was more than the neighbors
could bayr.

Newark Advocate.
Firms Is Firms.

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the furniture," says the advertise-
ment, "and our experienced under-
taker and embalmer will have charge
of the funerals."

Gosh!
We don't know what she uses it
for. But we know that Iva Raiser
lives in Gallon, Ohio.

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Iron Mound, Ky.

Strange.
You can C. A. Ryder walking al-
most any day at Macon, Ga.

Names Is Names.
T. Ring lives in Cincinnati.

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letting him alone.

Luke McLuke Says
Even a man who can't fight is
tempted to start something when he
has to sit beside the kind of a fel-
low who makes a noise like a horse
eating apples when he feeds his face.
Some men seem to get a lot of
pleasure out of not having any fun
in this life.

Even the man with an impediment
in his speech manages to say a good
word for himself.

A young woman can get more out
of a man with a smile than an old
woman can get out of him with an
hour of argument.

It takes the average man a long
time to learn that he can make plenty
of enemies without butting in.
A wife will tell her husband every-
thing she knows. But a husband
isn't built that way.

Now that there is no beer to keep
cold many a husband will want to
know why the heck his wife keeps on
ordering ice.

A skinny girl can dress so as to
hide her thinness. But a corn fed
can't arrange her clothes so as to
hide her fatness.

A married man gets a raise in
salary every now and then. But his
wife seldom hears anything about it.
Too many men belong to societies
for the suppression of the things that
they used to do when they were
younger.

The trouble with most of us is
that when we start saving up for a
rainy day it rains the next day.

HANGING SCAFFOLD AT
THE COURTHOUSE IS
IN WORKING ORDER

It Was Sprung by a Carpenter
Accidentally and Only a Rope
Was Needed to Complete
the Job

The scaffold in the copula of the
Court house built for the purpose
of hanging Ito, the Japanese murder-
er, very nearly claimed a victim last
Saturday. A carpenter working on
repair work at the Court house had
occasion to walk across the scaffold.
He had laid boards across the trap
but in some manner they had become
dislodged and when the man stepped
on the right spot the trap was sprung.
The carpenter stepped off into
space and fell with a straight drop
of seven feet. He landed on a chair
and smashed the chair to small
pieces. He was quite badly bruised
about the hip from the force of the
fall.

Although a rather painful expe-
rience the man concerned demon-
strated to the satisfaction of all the
scaffold had been constructed in a
right manner and would have done
the work expected of it. Only the
rope attachment was needed to place
the carpenter where it was intended
to put the Japanese.

Work of reconstruction of the Ne-
nana bridge at Mile 43 which was
carried out by high water will soon
begin.

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